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COTTON GROWERS FACING PESTICIDE SCARCITY IN A.P.
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the cotton growers in Andhra Pradesh are facing pesticide scarcity due to imposition of ban on American Cargo Carriers which transports pesticides;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the remedial steps proposed to be taken by the Government ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) & (b): There is no pesticides scarcity in Andhra Pradesh for the cotton growers. However, the Government of Andhra Pradesh informed that because of uncertainty and non-availability of commercial flights in the United States due to post September 11 attacks, there was delay in the supply of `Avaunt` manufactured by M/s E.I. Dupont IndiaLTd. and `Tracer` manufactured by M/s Denocil Limited in Andhra Pradesh State. But a large number of indigenously manufactured insecticides which can be used as substitutes to these two pesticides are available in plenty in the market.

(c): The question does not arise.